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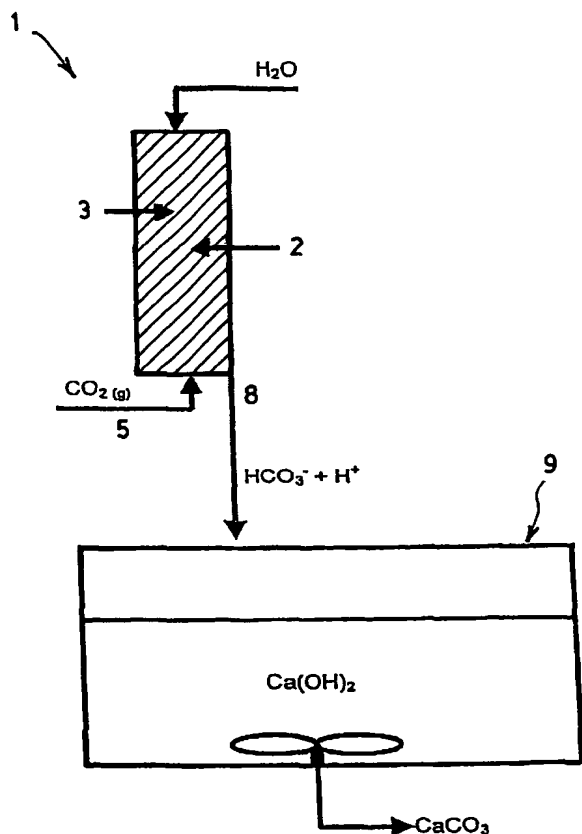
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for improving the production yield of precipitated calcium carbonate (PCC). The improvement resides in the use of an enzymatic bioreactor that supplies HCO_3^- into the reaction enabling to produce PCC without bubbling gaseous carbon dioxide in the aqueous solution. The present invention has an industrial applicability, namely in the pulp and paper industry.

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